REMARKS

The application has been amended and is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Previously, claims 1-14 were pending.

Claims 1-13 have been amended. Claim 14 has been cancelled. Claims 15-27 are new. Claims 1, 26, and 27 are independent.

The specification has been amended to add section headings.

Claims 1-14 were rejected under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by GINTER et al. (US Patent No. 6,185,683).

GINTER et al. disclose a document delivery system from a system user who is also a document sender.

In GINTER et al., the documents that can be delivered and stored by the described system are originated by the user/sender. See, in particular:

- col. 15, lines 56-61: *"Electronic delivery person 4060 receives item 4054 in digital form and places it into a secure electronic container 302 - thus forming a digital "object" 300. A digital object 300 may in this case be, for example, as shown in Figs. 5A and 5B, and may include one or more containers 302 containing items 4054."*

- col. 15, lines 63-67: *"container [...] comprises digital information having well-defined structure (see Fig. 5A)."*

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- col. 11, lines 4-9: "*This can provide data links for networks, or be integrated with traditional fax lines, or even voice lines. For example, a fax transmission might be archived, have a seal inserted during transmission, and/or have a hash value stored for later reference. A voice transmission could be similarly managed.*"

The path between the sender and the recipient(s) is a secured, trusted electronic path. See in particular:

- col. 15, lines 35-41: "*Fig. 88 shows an electronic trusted delivery system 4050. In this example, sender 4052 is sending an item 4054 to a recipient 4056 over an electronic network 4058. In this example, electronic delivery over network 4058 is by way of a secure, trusted electronic delivery virtual distribution environment transport mechanism 4060 which is shown for purpose of illustration as an electronic delivery person.*"

- col. 16, lines 58-62: "*appliance 600A in this example has a secure processing unit (SPU) 500 (see Fig. 6). SPU 500 provides a tamper-resistant protected processing environment ("PPE") in which processes and transactions can take place in a trusted fashion.*"

The recipients of the documents are specified by the sender. See in particular:

- col. 16, lines 15-17: "*The item 4054 can be sent to one or many recipients specified by sender 4052.*"

- col. 17, lines 18-19: *"Electronic appliances 600A may also ask the user to identify intended recipients 4056"*

- col. 17, lines 37-41: *"Sender 4052 may also specify the electronic address of recipient 4056, or it might let system 4050 automatically, securely and confidentially locate the recipient using a secure directory service"*.

The reception of the document by the recipient is particularly complex, as shown in col. 18, lines 24-56.

The other embodiments described in GINTER et al. have the same characteristics in that the recipient does not browse (or visit) web pages of a web site in accordance with his/her own will but, instead, the sender prepares documents for identified recipients or negotiates a contract with the recipient and sends the prepared document(s) by a secured path.

The present invention

To the contrary, the present invention relates to visits of a site, particularly a web site. While a user is visiting (accessing) such a site, he/she selects pages of the site and his/her computer downloads the selected pages from the web site.

According to the present invention, a trace (information representative of the received pages) of that succession of pages is automatically stored outside the web site and associated with a certificate of integrity.

Thanks to these features, should a problem arise later about the visit (e.g., what pages were received and what did they contain), or a transaction occurring during that visit, the user may review the trace and refer to the certified trace to enforce his/her rights. That is, the stored information representative of the received pages together with the certificate of integrity, enables the user to prove what pages from the web site were received, e.g., verification of the download, by the user, of the selected pages.

GINTER et al. do not disclose the recited internet communication validation method.

More specifically, GINTER et al. do not disclose a user, from a first communication device, accessing a first internet web site to select web pages (originated by the first site) for receipt, and, via the internet, storing information representative of the received pages in a first memory located outside the first site, and associating a certificate of integrity with the memory-stored information representative of the download page.

GINTER et al. do not disclose the certificate of integrity being stored, in the first memory, in association with the information representative of the received page, where the certificate of integrity enables detection of any alteration to the memory-stored information representative of the received pages, so that the stored information representative of the

received page together with the certificate of integrity, enables verification of the user's receipt of the selected pages.

GINTER et al. do not disclose the succession of pages, selected from the first site, being publicly-available pages (claim 2).
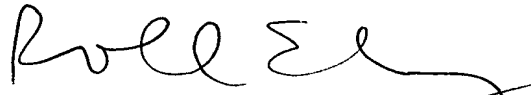
In view of the above noted differences between the invention recited in the currently pending claims and the applied GINTER et al. patent, applicants believe that it is clear that the claims are both novel and non-obvious over this reference. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of all the pending claims are respectfully requested.

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